pleased to refer to the answe$_r$ to Unstarred Question 3273 given in the Rajya Sabha On the 22nd August, 1988 and state-.

(a)what are the reasons for not providing the information in regard to prices approved hy his Ministry and prices charged by the concerned companies when the total number of formulations do not exceed 20 in number;

(b) what are the basis On which excuse has bee$_n$ take$_n$ that the number of products and prices involved in voluminous;

(c) whether it is a fact that Dextrose of Anil Starch, Dexamethasone of Merind, Calcium Lactate of Tamil Nadu Dada and Oxyphenyl butazone and Xyloeaine of S. G. Pharmaceuticals are th$_e$ only products involved;

(d) whether it is a fact that the issue involved is of public importance as it relates to overcharging the prices; and

(e) if so, what are th$_e$ approved prices of each formulation and what price is being charged by the concerned company an^ how much unintended benefit i$_s$ being made by each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRi J. VENGAL RAO). (a) to (e) The required details to the extent available wou'd b$_e$ col'ected and laid on the Table of the House.

Phased manufacturing programme for Rifampicin

1450. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be p'eased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 8733 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two years are over for which he phased hianulacfturing ^programme for Rifampicin wag approved;

(b) what are the reasons for not specifying th$_e$ name of intermediate in the phased manufacturing programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry was not iaware about the import content per kilogram of production vis-a-vis the import price of the drug when the phased manufacturing programme was approved;

(d) if so, whether hi« Ministry obtained these details; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor and if so$_f$ what are the details of import per kg. of production of thi$_s$ drug at the Cme When the phased manufacturing programme was approved and at present?

THE MINISTER OP INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The two yea$_r$ period allowed for manufacture of Rifampicin from intermediate stage is reckoned from the date of commencement of production and therefore it varies *f**^{0}™* unit to unit.

(]b) There >are several intermediates involved. Most °f the units are producing from 3-formyl Rifampicin SV. However one ^{wI}/\ ^{nas} proposed further backward integration from Rifamycin-S.

(c) to («) Several factors including import content, outgo of foreign exchange and availability of technology were take$_n$ into consideration by the PMP Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now papers to be laid on the Table.

12.00 Noo$_n$

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. WWte Paper on actual performance of Indian ©rugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited.

II. Report and Account (1987-88) of the Bengal Immunity Limited, Calcutta and related papers.